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A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION MEETING IN BELGRADE VISITED ALGIERS FROM FEB 11 TO 13. VOA CORRESPONDENT, EIRENE FURNESS, SENDS THIS NEWS ADVISORY: SENATORS BIRCH BAYH OF INDIANA AND LEE METCALF OF MONTANA, AND HOUSE MEMBERS JOHN JARMAN OF OKLAHOMA, CLAUDE PEPPER OF FLORIDA, AND ED DERWINSKI AND JOHN MCCLORY, BOTH OF ILLINOIS, ARRIVED AT ALGIERS AIRPORT ON TUESDAY, FEB 11. THEY WERE GREETED BY RICHARD PARKER, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ALGIERS AND MOHAMED ABERKANE OF THE ALGERIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR VISIT WAS AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF DISCUSSION WITH ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HUARI BOUMEDIENE. "WE WANT THE ALGERIANS TO UNDERSTAND," CONGRESSMAN MCCLORY SAID, "THAT AMERICA IS INTERESTED IN THEIR COUNTRY AND READY TO RESPOND TO THEIR REQUESTS FOR A DIALOGUE."

BOTH SENATOR METCALF AND CONGRESSMAN MCCLORY EXPLAINED THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS IS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING VISITS BY MEMBERS TO ALGERIA NOW THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE RESTORED AND THE LONG, SEVEN YEAR ESTRANGEMENT IS OVER. THEY FEEL IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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